

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-111 (Cancelled).

113-133 (Cancelled).

135-149 (Cancelled).

150-157 (Cancelled).

112. (Currently amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, ~~wherein the game terminals execute application programs in response to an externally-generated random number, determine a result of a game, and display a result of the game,~~ the method comprising:

communicating, by the central controller, with each of the plurality of the game terminals;

receiving, by the central controller, requests for verification of account identifiers and player authentication information;

verifying to the game terminals, by the central controller, that the account identifiers and the player authentication information are valid;

receiving, by the central controller, player activity game information from the game terminals for each game games for which [[a]] wager amounts were amount was received by the game terminals, the player activity information including the wager amount; and

based on the game information, adjusting, by the central controller, player account information associated with the account identifiers.

134. (Currently Amended) A method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of game terminals and a central controller, the method comprising:

receiving, at one of the game terminals, an account identifier and player authentication information associated with the account identifier;

requesting, by the one of the game terminals, verification of the account identifier and the player authentication information from the central controller;
receiving, at the one of the game terminals, verification of the account identifier and the player authentication information from the central controller;
receiving, at the one of the plurality of game terminals, and a wager amount for a game and a request associated with the account identifier, the request a request to play the game, from a player;
determining the result of the game using a set of random numbers; and
transmitting, by the one of the plurality of game terminals, game information associated with the game and the account identifier to the central controller after each the game for which the wager amount was received, the game information including the result of the game.

149. (Currently amended) A gaming system comprising:

a plurality of game terminals that configured to execute application programs in response to an externally generated random numbers receive account identifiers and player authentication information associated with the account identifiers, to request verification of the account identifiers and the player authentication information, and to transmit game information associated with the account identifiers for each game for which a wager amount associated with the account identifiers is received; and
a central controller computer, connected to each of the plurality of game terminals, and including
a database configured to store for storing player account information for a plurality of players[.];
an interface configured to receive account identifiers, the player authentication information, and the game information from the plurality of game terminals; and
a processor for updating configured to verify the account identifiers and the player authentication information, and to update the player account information, based on the received game information.

158. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising:
receiving, by the one of the game terminals, another wager amount associated with the
account identifier; and
before the receiving of the other wager amount, receiving, from the central controller, an
updated account balance associated with the account identifier.
159. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein, for each game, one of the game terminals
receives a wager amount associated with only one account identifier.
160. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein the game information includes at least one of
the result of the game, the wager amount, an updated account balance, a terminal number,
a game type code, a game number, a date, a time, and player activity information.
161. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein the random numbers are game-independent
random numbers generated externally to the one of the game terminals.
162. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein the player account information includes an
account balance.
163. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein the adjusting the player account information
includes crediting the player account information when a player wins the game.
164. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising:
displaying, by the one of the game terminals, the result of the game.
165. (New) The gaming system of claim 149, the plurality of game terminals further
configured to display results of wagering games.
166. (New) The gaming system of claim 149, wherein the player account information includes
account balances.
167. (New) The gaming system of claim 149, wherein the plurality of game terminals are
further configured to transmit information including at least one of the result of the game,

- the wager amount, an updated account balance, a terminal number, a game type code , a game number, a date, a time, and player activity information..
168. (New) The gaming system of claim 167, the information being transmitted for each game.
169. (New) The gaming system of claim 149, wherein the random numbers are game-independent random numbers generated externally to the plurality of game terminals.
170. (New) The method of claim 134, further comprising:
executing, by the one of the game terminals, application programs in response to externally-generated random numbers;
determining, by the one of the game terminals, a result of a game; and
displaying, by the one of the game terminals, the result of the game.
171. (New) The method of claim 134 further comprising:
presenting, by the one of the game terminals, a choice of games to be played; and
receiving, by the one of the game terminals, a selection of the game.
172. (New) The method of claim 134, wherein the game information is transmitted for each game.
173. (New) The method of claim 112, further comprising:
transmitting adjusted player account information to the game terminals.
174. (New) The method of claim 134, wherein, for each game, the one of the game terminals receives a wager amount associated with only one account identifier.